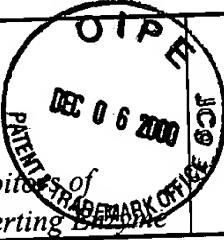


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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE**

Dear Examiner Maier:

In response to the non-final Office Action in the above-identified application, mailed July 5, 2000, the Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Additionally, Applicants submit herewith a petition for a two-month extension of time and the required fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: